



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND
REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN
PROPOSED SOUTH REGION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #2
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Public Comment Period Extended to January 28, 2008

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on an Initial Study/draft Negative Declaration and draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) proposed South Region Elementary School #2 site. The RAP addresses the removal of approximately 35,900 cubic yards (53,850 tons) of soil and off-site disposal from the site in about 6,750 trucks. The proposed school is 4.39 acres in size and is located on Central Avenue between Florence Avenue and 74th Street, including part of 73rd Street in Los Angeles. During the site investigations, total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and lead were detected in shallow soils in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites. Therefore, DTSC recommended LAUSD to remove the contaminated soils and transport them to permitted off-site disposal facilities.

DTSC has prepared an Initial Study and a draft Negative Declaration for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial study concludes that proposed cleanup activities will not result in significant impacts on the human health and the environment because of the defined amount of contaminated soil to be removed and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be removed, loaded onto trucks and taken away to an approved/permitted off-site facility for lawful disposal/treatment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed cleanup during the public comment period that has been extended from the previous deadline of November 13, 2007 to January 28, 2008. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAP may be submitted in writing to Stephanie Lewis, Project Manager, DTSC, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201, and must be postmarked by January 28, 2008.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAP, Initial Study/draft Negative Declaration, draft RAP and other project documents are available at the Graham Library, 1900 East Firestone Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90001; Miramonte Elementary School, 1400 East 68th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90001; Parmalee Elementary School, 1338 East 76th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90001 and at www.laschools.org. Also, all site documents and the Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1101 North Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 90201. Contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886 for appointment.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the removal, please contact: Ms. Stephanie Lewis, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 551-2847 or email: slewis1@dtsc.ca.gov or Ms. Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2917 or toll free at (866) 495-5611, press option 3, then 1, or email: makula@dtsc.ca.gov. Media queries contact: Jeanne Garcia at (818) 551-2176 or email: jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov. For information on DTSC, visit our web site: www.dtsc.ca.gov.

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